

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
FORMAL HEARING
September 15, 2017**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Dentistry was called to order at 1:03 p.m., on September 15, 2017 in Board Room 4, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

PRESIDING: Tonya A. Parris-Wilkins, D.D.S.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia B. Bonwell, R.D.H., PhD
Nathaniel C. Bryant, D.D.S.
Sandra J. Catchings, D.D.S.
James D. Watkins, D.D.S.
Tammy C. Ridout, R.D.H.
Jamiah Dawson, D.D.S.

STAFF PRESENT: Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director
Sheila M. Beard, Executive Assistant

COUNSEL PRESENT: James E. Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT: Wayne T. Halbleib, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Shevaun Roukous, Adjudication Specialist
Theresa J. Pata, Court Reporter

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM: With seven members present, a quorum was established.

**Sawsan M. Salih, BDS
MPH**

Case No.: 174650

Ms. Salih was present without legal counsel in accordance with the Notice of the Board dated June 15, 2017.

Dr. Parris-Wilkins swore in Ms. Salih.

Ms. Salih made an opening statement, clarifying that she is not a DDS, she is a BDS, MPH. Ms. Salih did not have any exhibits to present to the Board.

Mr. Halbleib presented an opening statement and Commonwealth's Exhibits 1-3 which were admitted into evidence.

Ms. Salih testified on her own behalf.

There were no witnesses for the Commonwealth.

Closed Meeting:

Ms. Ridout moved that the Board enter into a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) and Section 2.2-3712(F) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Salih. Additionally, she moved that Board staff, Ms. Reen, Ms. Beard, and Board Counsel, Mr. Rutkowski attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed.

Reconvene:

Ms. Ridout moved that the Board certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Board reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

Decision:

Ms. Ridout moved to accept the Findings of Facts and Conclusion of Law as presented by the Commonwealth, amended by the Board and read by Mr. Rutkowski. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Rutkowski reported that the Board denied Ms. Salih's application for licensure to practice dentistry in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Ms. Ridout moved to adopt the decision as read by Mr. Rutkowski. The motion was seconded and passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Tonya A. Parris-Wilkins, D.D.S.

Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

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